

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The President

Transcript of President Eisenhower's News Conference,
11 May 1960 (Excerpts)

"It is a distasteful but vital necessity.

"We prefer and work for a different kind of world -- and a different way of obtaining the information essential to confidence and effective deterrents. Open societies, in the day of present weapons, are the only answer."

Text of Eisenhower Statement Following the Summit
Conference Meeting on 16 May 1960

"In my statement of May 11 and in the statement of Secretary Herter of May 9 the position of the United States was made clear with respect to the distasteful necessity of espionage activities in a world where nations distrust each other's intentions."

George Allen

Transcript of "ABC's College News Conference," with
George V. Allen, Director, United States Information
Agency, 15 May 1960

". . . there has been a great misunderstanding that I would like to correct, today: Mr. Herter, the Secretary of State, has not said that we are going to continue to fly. He has said that there is an obligation and a responsibility on the part of the government of the United States and of the free world to try to obtain information to guard against surprise attack. But he has not said that we are going to continue to fly. He hasn't said one way or another."

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